REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-12 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 13-15 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 are rejected.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-4 and 13-15 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-15 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,899,742 to Sun ("Sun") in view of US Patent No. 6,573,583 to Hokazono ("Hokazono") further in view of US Patent Application No. 2003/0230811 to Kim ("Kim").

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0230811 to Kim is not prior art to the present application. The Kim application was filed on June 9, 2003, whereas the present application is entitled to a priority date of January 2, 2003. MPEP 2136.03(I.). Enclosed is a translation of the priority document which was submitted with the original application. Therefore, the rejection under Section 103(a) is overcome.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4 and 13-15 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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